GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF BLOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether needy patients in Government hospitals face serious problem due to shortage of blood;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for adequate arrangement of blood for needy patients in Government hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b). No, Sir. There is no serious problem due to shortage of blood in the Government hospitals except an occasional shortage of rare blood groups like 'negative' blood groups.

(c) The Government of India has taken the following steps to make adequate arrangements of blood for the needy patients in Government hospitals:

(i) Upgrading Blood Banks with Blood Component Separation Facilities to prepare more Blood Components.

(ii) Augmentation of Voluntary Blood Donation by conducting 48600 Voluntary Blood Donation Camps annually in the country.

(iii) Awareness programmes to motivate the youth and recruiting and retaining them as Voluntary blood donors.